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## FOOD STAMP PLAN TO BENEFIT ALAMEDA COUNTY

When the Food Stamp Plan starts operating in Alameda County shortly after the first of the year, it will bring a threefold benefit to this area, according to Jonathan Garst, regional director of the Surplus Marketing Administration.

Mr. Garst estimates that farmers will benefit from an increased market for surplus foods of approximately \$1,032,700 annually in this county. Our farm population of some 11,000 persons will stand to benefit particularly as nine of the seventeen commodities on the current surplus list are produced in Alameda County.

Business, too, will be stimulated by this \$1,032,700 annual increased trade in our county under the Food Stamp Plan. And, as Mr. Garst points out, this will further increase our buying power for additional farm produce. In turn, that will enable our farmers to buy more city-made goods, to the mutual benefit of all of us.

Then there are our public assisted families totaling some 22,647 households, and 45,898 persons who will have an opportunity, under the Food Stamp Plan, to consume this additional \$1,032,700 worth of needed foods, annually. Thousands of people in our country, like 20 million other public assisted persons in our nation, have been existing on sub-standard diets simply because of their sheer inability to buy many of the foods they need.

Under the Food Stamp Plan, said Mr. Garst, our needy families can get 50 percent more food for their money and a better balanced more nutritive diet — strengthening the health defense of our nation. Meanwhile, they will be helping to eat the surpluses that are smothering our American farmers. And, Mr. Garst added, the welfare of our farmers is more vitally important than ever today since they form the basic backbone of our national defense.

Representatives of the retail and wholesale food trades industry of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties held a meeting last Friday

## DAYS LEAVE NILES

Richard P. Day was called to Los Angeles Sunday to continue his work selling proprietary drugs to doctors. He may leave there early next year for Michigan or the New England states. Mrs. Day and their son John plan to spend Christmas with her folks at Penryn in Placer County, after which they will join Mr. Day in the south. — All of which leaves Pastor Day a bachelor!

## SCHOOL PAGEANT CHARMS CROWDS SUNDAY AFTERNOON

CENTERVILLE — The third annual Christmas pageant presented in religious tableaux Sunday afternoon and evening by students of Washington Union High School under the direction of Dwight Thornburg, Principal A. J. Rathbone, Mrs. Sybil Morse and the entire faculty was a markedly impressive presentation.

The many participants delivered their lines without prompting, the lighting effects were breathlessly beautiful and the scenes depicted were of the deepest significance.

The big auditorium, which was colorfully decorated in Christmas greens, colored lights and a great lighted tree, was completely filled at both the 5:30 and 7:30 performances. The choirs and the orchestra, as well as the organ rented for the occasion, all contributed to make a memorable event.

Notwithstanding last minute substitutions because of flu-absentees, the performances went off without a hitch, and all concerned merit a great deal of credit.

As one spectator put it: "this pageant is always the most real part of my Christmas!"

## MOVIES "SHOT" HERE

Moving pictures of the interior of the Niles office of the Pacific Gas and Electric company were taken Wednesday afternoon. A whole battery of powerful lights was erected to provide the necessary illumination. The pictures were taken by the company for their own use.

night in the Oakland Chamber of Commerce conference room, Financial Center building, at which plans were laid relative to the contemplated opening of the food stamp plan in this area shortly after the first of the year.

In connection with the anticipated extension of the Plan to these two counties as well as San Mateo and Santa Clara County, it was brought out at the meeting that the Alameda County Board of Supervisors has signed the necessary agreement, and that negotiations are progressing with the County Boards of Supervisors in the other three counties, with the intent of opening at the same time as Alameda County.

## MONDAY

2 p.m. Free Kiddies Christmas party at the Niles Theatre.

## TUESDAY

3:30 p.m. Kraftsman's Club annual Christmas party at Kraftile plant.

11 p.m. Candle lighting ceremony and Christmas Eve program at Niles Congregational church.

## WEDNESDAY

CHRISTMAS DAY. Be thankful America is still at peace!

7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Masses at Newark and Alvarado Catholic churches.

## THURSDAY

6 p.m. Alien registration closes throughout nation.

## ANNIVERSARY OF NATIVE SONS HELD HERE THURSDAY

One of the most outstanding social events of this winter was the fiftieth anniversary banquet of Washington Parlor of Native Sons, enjoyed last Thursday evening in Memorial Hall at Niles.

About 160 members and guests sat down at long tables handsomely decorated in Christmas greens scalloped in gold foil paper, interspersed with gold glass balls. Souvenir programs printed on gold cardboard (by the Township Register, of course) and bottles of colored sauterie, donated by the Castlewood Wine company of Centerville united to make a charming decorative scheme. The Besy Ross Parlor of Native Daughters under the chairmanship of Olive Silva was in charge of the decorations.

A substantial turkey dinner cooked and served by the ladies of the Niles Women's Auxiliary and the girls of the Junior Auxiliary, provided a hearty repast.

The program following the dinner included an address of welcome by Toastmaster Allen G. Norris, an address by Grand President Henry S. Lyon; presentation of 50 year membership pins by Grand First Vice President Edward T. Schnarr to William W. Walton and Frank T. Dusterberry; and 25 year pins to nine members.

An address on Fraternalism was given by Past Grand President Harmon D. Skillin and the evening closed with interesting entertainment, consisting of marionette show, Chinese sleight-of-hand and the playing of a musical saw, the marimba and Swiss bells, all under the direction of Eddie Burke.

General chairman E. J. Pimintel and his committee of nine made the arrangements for an evening which will be recorded in Township annals as a memorable one.

## WARM SPRINGS SCHOOL TO HOLD "DIFFERENT" PARTY

WARM SPRINGS — Something different in the way of Christmas entertainment is taking place at the Warm Springs Grammar School this afternoon. Classes were to be dismissed at noon and three hours of fun and festivity scheduled in the form of an old-fashioned Christmas party instead of the annual operetta.

According to Principal L. H. Maffey, Santa Claus in person will be on hand to distribute a box of candy to each one present. In addition, refreshments are to be served from beautifully-decorated tables, adorned with Christmas trees, apples fashioned into Santa Claus dolls and plenty of goodies.

The program will open with the singing of Christmas carols. There will be games and plenty of prizes for winners and best of all, mamma and papa and all the little sisters and their brothers, their cousins and their aunts and uncles have been invited.

Classes will be resumed at the Warm Springs school on Monday, January 6.

## AWARDED CERTIFICATE

The Kraftile plant has been awarded a certificate in the American Ceramic Society safety contest. Locally, a special certificate has been given to Dave Janeiro for his department which has operated more than two and a half years without a serious injury.

Mrs. Henri Salz and Bob Salz of Redwood City called on friends in the township on Sunday.

## "THE MESSIAH" TO BE PRESENTED FRIDAY EVENING

"The Messiah," Handel's oratorio, will be presented at Washington Union High School tonight at 8:15 o'clock under the auspices of the Protestant churches of Washington Township and is free to the public.

The program which will include not only numbers from "The Messiah" but other Christmas music will be directed by Charles J. Anderson, director of the choirs of the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, who will bring 100 voices to Centerville for this outstanding concert.

Anderson is a graduate of the Westminster Choir College of Princeton where he studied under the personal supervision of Dr. John Finley Williamson. He sang in the world-famous Westminster Choir concerts both in this country and abroad. Since coming to Berkeley, Anderson has organized three choirs whose combined 100 voices will present the concert at Centerville tonight.

Churches sponsoring tonight's affair include the Presbyterian churches at Alvarado, Centerville and Newark, the Irvington Community Church, the Niles Congregational church and the St. James Episcopal church at Centerville.

## DESCENDANT OF NILES OLDEST FAMILY SUCCUMBS

Samuel Stives, 74, member of one of the township's oldest families and son of Daniel Stivers who came around the Horn to San Francisco in 1846, died at his home between Niles and Irvington Wednesday of last week after being ill for about two years with heart trouble.

He is survived by his widow, Elizabeth and two daughters, Mrs. Laverne Dickerson, teacher at the Mission San Jose Grammar School, and Miss Marcella Stives, teacher at the Irvington Grammar School. He was the brother of Anna, Edward and Mark Stives, all of Niles and the late Letitia, Simeon and Champion Stives and Mrs. Charlotte Millard.

He was born on the family ranch established by his father, who came to Mission San Jose in 1847 and became associated with an uncle, Earl Marshall, proprietor of the general store in the Mission. Funeral services held Saturday at the Berge Mortuary Company at Niles were followed with interment at the Holy Sepulchre cemetery at Hayward.

## DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR XMAS BASKETS FOR NEEDY FOLKS

(Special to the Register)

CENTERVILLE — Residents of Washington Township who wish to donate to baskets for the needy during the Christmas season are asked to contact Mrs. Richard Sparrowe at Centerville, Telephone 62-J, who is in charge of the card index file of the Christmas Cheer Clearing House.

Organizations who wish to give baskets and want names of families or individuals knowing of families who should receive baskets are asked to confer with Mrs. Sparrowe to avoid duplication. The clearing house is operated under the auspices of the Child Welfare Club which is also aiding in distributing the hundreds of cans of food collected by the high school at their annual tin can dance.

## NEXT PAPERS LATE?

With both Christmas and New Years Day falling this year on Wednesday, our busy day, the next two issues of The Township Register will be late. Instead of making the mail at Niles on the next two Thursday afternoons as usual, the papers will be mailed some time Friday. Our usual Wednesday work will be done on the approach ing Thursdays. Mary Kiss Miss! —Ye ed.

## LIGHTED CHRISTMAS TREES SPARKLE AROUND NILES

Lighted Christmas trees are bursting into "bloom" all over Niles, both indoors and out these days. A nice tree graces the window of the Niles Postoffice where parcels now go in and out at a furious rate.

A pretty little blue and silver tree graces a street window of the City of Florence Restaurant and there is another pretty tree indoors. M. J. Cavanaugh has made in interior of Bill's Place attractive. Many trees twinkle outdoors along Niles' streets at night.

A fine lighted tree twinkles at night on the P. C. Hansen Lumber company's property and another one shines at the Union Oil station by the underpass.

Joe Ferry has a lighted tree in the Mint barber shop and the Central Bank has set up a second tree in the window of the lobby. Two trees shine outside the door of Solons' Rendezvous and Joe Viveiros has decorated the interior of his "Corner."

An illuminated wreath glows over the archway at the entrance to the California Nursery grounds. The Niles Theatre put up a beautiful tree in their lobby on Thursday and placed lighted bells over the ticket window.

The P. C. Hansen Lumber company has placed a fine looking tree in one of their windows, and colored lights flicker on and off intermittently around the window frame.

Come On, Santa Claus!

## SERVICE HELD FOR PIONEER TOWNSHIP LADY

CENTERVILLE — Mrs. Julia Emerson Dusterberry, member of one of the oldest Washington Township pioneer families, died at her home last Wednesday as she was being taken to the hospital, and was given final rites in Hayward Saturday.

Mrs. Dusterberry had been ill for about two months with heart trouble. She was born on the Emerson ranch between Centerville and Irvington and had spent her entire life in the community. She was the wife of the late Frederick Dusterberry. She was the sister of Miss Annie Emerson of Oakland, Miss Louise Emerson of Irvington, Mrs. Alice Overacker of Palo Alto, Ralph and George Emerson of Centerville and the late Nellie Emerson. She was an active member of the Child Welfare Club.

She was the daughter of the late James Emerson who came to Centerville in 1853, after crossing the plains by ox team. Services at the Pratt Mortuary in Hayward were followed with private cremation at Mt. View chapel, Oakland.

Before her marriage she taught for several years at Decoto and at Irvington Grammar Schools.

Mrs. Mary J. Santos is now up south and the day will be the and around after a recent illness, shortest in the year.

## MEMBERS ENJOY FIRST CONCERT LAST WEDNESDAY

### MUSICAL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS OUTSTANDING ARTISTS AT HAYWARD

One of the outstanding musical events which has taken place in Southern Alameda County was the first concert of the Southern Alameda County Musical Association presented at Hayward Union High School last Wednesday night.

John E. Kimber, president, and responsible to a large degree for the new impetus which has brought out several hundred musicians and vocalists this year for rehearsals was lauded by speakers on the preliminary program. The band and orchestra were directed by Frank Mancini and the chorus by Glenn H. Woods.

Soloists were Marsden Brooks, 'cellist; Edith Caswell, flutist; Edythe Hoskinson, contralto; Roger Nixon, clarinet and Helene Raynolds, harpist. Mrs. Lloyd Loftus of Livermore was at the piano. Nixon and Miss Caswell are University of California students who have been studying under Mancini.

The varied program of classics and folk songs was received enthusiastically by the audience which was fair considering the cold weather and the influenza epidemic which closed schools and cancelled numerous programs last week.

Brooks, the 'cellist, is an artist of the first rank, having formerly been a member of the New York Symphony Orchestra under Walter Damrosch and also the Boston Symphony Orchestra under Dr. Karl Muck. He was at one time 'cello soloist for Victor Herbert. Miss Reynolds, the harpist, was formerly a member of the San Francisco Symphony orchestra under Alfred Hertz. More recently she played in leading Hollywood studio orchestras in such productions as "The Great Waltz."

Due to the popularity of the program increasing audiences are expected at succeeding concerts, the next to be given on Friday, March 14. Reserved seats may now be secured at the Dias Music House, 954 B Street, Hayward, Telephone Hayward 913.

Music lovers and patrons of good music are invited to join the association. Sustaining memberships are \$10 and regular members are \$1 or more. Contributions may be sent to R. M. Coughlin, treasurer, at Hayward.

### FREE KIDDIES PARTY MONDAY AT NILES THEATRE

Monday is the day Township children have been awaiting since last year. For, at 2 o'clock a free show for children will be given in the Niles Theatre as the gift of Manager "Bill" Helm to the children of his patrons.

Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and all the film folk dear to childish hearts will romp across the screen for two hours of unadulterated joy.

After the show bags of candy will be given to the children as the gift of the Niles Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Merry Christmas to the children!

Saturday will be the winter solstice — when the sun is farthest south and the day will be the shortest in the year.

## Coming Events

### TODAY

Afternoon: Christmas party at Warm Springs Grammar school.

7 p.m. Bluebird Club Christmas party at Newark Grammar school auditorium.

8 p.m. Presentation of Handel's "Messiah" in High School auditorium. Free admission.

8 p.m. Public invited to S. E. S. benefit whist party at Newark Pavilion.

8 p.m. Rebekahs Christmas party at Niles.

### SATURDAY

1:30 p.m. Free Cannery Workers Union Kiddies party at the State Theatre in Hayward.

12 to 6 p.m. Niles Postoffice open for convenience of patrons. (this afternoon only).

8 p.m. Irvington Community Church Christmas party.

8:30 p.m. Order of Eastern Star installation at Centerville.

### SUNDAY

Newark Sportsmen's Turkey shoot near Newark.

7:30 p.m. Sanford Circle Christmas tree for Sunday School classes at Niles Congregational church.



# CHURCH NEWS

## CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH NILES

Rev. T. Hennessy, Pastor  
Hours of Sunday Masses  
8:30 a.m. First, third and fifth  
Sundays.  
10:00 a.m. Second and fourth  
Sundays.

## CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROSARY — DECOTO

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8:30 a.m. Second and fourth  
Sundays.  
10:00 a.m. First, third and fifth  
Sundays.

## NILES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

There will be a special Christmas service of worship Sunday morning, December 22 at 11 o'clock. The sermon theme will be "Love's Morn In Nature's Night."

The Church-school Christmas service will be held at 7:30 in the evening. The Junior Choir will sing, all departments of the school will contribute their tributes of praise to the joyous celebration of the birth of the Saviour.

The Christmas tree and the gifts to the children have been provided by the Martha Sanford Circle.

A midnight service on Christmas eve, December 24, Tuesday, from 11 to 12 p.m. will be the culminating event in the celebration of the Nativity. It will be a service of Carols and Lights in which the congregation will join.

The special offerings by the Choir will be: The Gloria, from Mozart's Twelfth Mass, and Send Out Thy Light, by Gounod.

Mrs. Lord of Decoto will sing a solo number, Gesu Bambino, by Yon.

The Choir has been augmented by singers from other Church Choirs of Washington township, among whom are Mr. Grace from Newark, Mrs. Lord of the Masonic Home, and Mr. Russell Ross of Niles.

We cordially invite the public to join us in these services.

## IRVINGTON SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

IRVINGTON — The Irvington Community Sunday School will present a program and party for the members of the Sunday School and church on Saturday evening, December 21st commencing at 8:00 o'clock and closing at 9:30. Santa Claus will visit the party with a bag full of treats for boys and girls, after games and stunts have been enjoyed.

Those attending will share in the Christmas spirit by presenting "white gifts for the King", clothing, food, toys, etc. which will be distributed to needy families.

A feature of the play will be a one act play, "The Lost Christmas"

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Miss Barbara Williams has the lead in the play. Other members of the cast are Elaine Galey, Irene Lidikay, Elaine Justus, Ruth Justus, Nelle Warren, Alice Thomas, Rachel Williams, Ebba Rae Benbow, Alfred Kiep, Bert Justus, Martha Grimmer, Mary Ann McIvor, Robert McIvor, Georgia Cooper, Violet Lidikay, Clytelle Shepherd, Lyle Fisher, Mary Kita, Frank Ura, Caroline Kiep, and Lester Benbow.

## CHRISTMAS SUNDAY AT IRVINGTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

IRVINGTON — Special music and congregational participation will feature the special Christmas service of worship on Sunday Morning at 11:00 o'clock in the Irvington Community Church. A quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. Alex DeKnoop will sing the beautiful Christmas song, "Cantique de Noel," by Adolphe Adam. A ladies trio composed of Mesdames Carl Brown, Harley Justus and Arthur Kirk will sing a Christmas trio, "Bethlehem."

The sermon subject which the minister Arthur Kirk will discuss, will be "Rediscovering the Messiah." His text is John 1:41, "He (Andrew) saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ."

The Sunday School will have a special Christmas program, beginning at 10:15 instead of the usual 9:50 starting time.

# The Annunciation

And the Angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

— Luke 1:28

## CHRISTMAS MUSIC TO BE BROADCAST IN IRVINGTON

IRVINGTON — Beginning on Saturday evening until Christmas the familiar and great Christmas carols and anthems will be broadcast by loud speaker from the tower of the Irvington Community Church. The music will be from recordings made by the outstanding choirs of the country.

This different observance of the Christmas season is made possible by the congregation of the Irvington church through the cooperation of Mr. Floyd Witherly who is installing the amplifying system. It is hoped that all will enjoy these finest of Christmas carols, and the Christmas message as given in this unique way.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES TO BE CELEBRATED BY TWO CHURCHES

NEWARK — The parishioners of St. Edwards Catholic Church of Newark and St. Annes Catholic Church of Alvarado, according to Father Flately, pastor of both churches, are asked to take notice of the Christmas masses to be held on Wednesday, Christmas Day.

There will be a high mass Christmas morning at 7:30 o'clock at both churches. The low mass with Christmas hymns will be celebrated at 9:30 o'clock. Confessions will be heard on Christmas Eve from 3 to 6 and from 7:30 on.

Father Flately will be assisted by one of the professors from the St. Patrick Seminary at Menlo Park, so that there will be a priest at the Newark church and at the Alvarado church.

## SUPPER POSTPONED

CENTERVILLE — The meeting of the Centerville Supper Club scheduled for last Saturday at the International Kitchen at Niles was postponed because of the death of Mrs. Fred Dusterberry.

## NEWARK CHURCH NEWS

The Newark Presbyterian Church members are urged to attend the Christmas Concert by the one hundred voice choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley at the High School in Centerville, Friday evening at 8:15. The main feature will be the singing of "The Messiah" with Charles J. Anderson as conductor.

Next Sunday, December 22 the Morning Worship and the Sunday School will hold a combined Christmas service, in which the children will take part.

Sunday evening, the Newark Presbyterian Church will unite in a Christmas service at St. James Episcopal Church in Centerville. Reverend Arnold Nash will conduct the Christmas carol service. The union choir will sing, which was organized here Tuesday evening. The program includes carols from all nations. Reverend J. L. Webster will speak on the subject of "Christmas Carols".

The newly-organized choir of the Newark Presbyterian Church sang at the ten o'clock Sunday morning service, and Rev. J. L. Webster spoke on the subject "His Only Begotten Son."

The choir sang the anthem, "Angels from the Realms of Glory" a Christmas carol. The evening service was adjourned in favor of the High School pageant.

The Junior Christian Endeavor of the Newark Presbyterian Church held a Christmas party at the church Saturday evening with Miss Lois Blacow and Mrs. Anna Mae Fyffe in charge. They will hold their next regular meeting Saturday evening at the church.

A special New Years Vesper service will be held the last Sunday of the year, December 29 at the Newark church in charge of the Women's Missionary Society.

## Christian Science Churches

"Thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; . . . I am the Lord; and there is none else." These words from Isaiah comprise the Golden Text to be used Sunday, December 22, in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.

The subject of the Lesson-Sermon will be "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" Included among the Scriptural selections will be: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth . . . And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good . . ." (Gen. 1: 1, 31 to first period.)

The following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, will also be included: "The Scriptures declare all that He made to be good, like Himself, — good in Principle and in idea. Therefore the spiritual universe is good, and reflects God as He is . . . God creates and governs the universe, including man" (pp. 286, 295).

## CHIMNEY FIRE

NEWARK — The Newark Fire Department was called out Sunday afternoon to extinguish a chimney fire at the home of Frank Ferreira. The damage was slight, though the kitchen was smoked from the soot of the chimney. The fire was under control when the firemen arrived.

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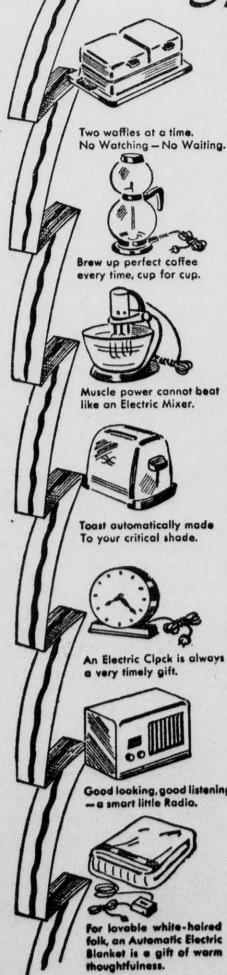
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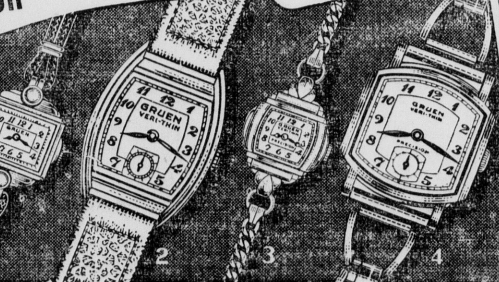
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# ARTS AND CRAFTS GUILD ENJOYS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Forty-four members and guests of the Arts and Crafts Guild of Washington Township attended the annual Christmas dinner party at the home of Mrs. C. B. Overacker Tuesday night. A musical program and games followed the turkey dinner which was prepared under the chairmanship of Mrs. Virginia Batcheler, assisted by Mrs. Fritz Waltenberger and others.

Guest artists included Marsden Brooks, cellist formerly with the New York Symphony Orchestra; Edna Tyson, vocalist; Mary Barnard Jacobus of Oakland and Jean McCain of Hayward, pianists and a trio composed of Virginia Batcheler, Nellie Gordon and Frances MacGregor, accompanied by Harriet Thornburg.

Jolly Batcheler was master of ceremonies and the games were played under the direction of Kate Sladek. Decorations were done by Mrs. Dora Mae Scudder.

## HANDEL'S "MESSIAH" TO BE PRESENTED FRIDAY EVENING

Handel's immortal oratorio, "The Messiah," will be sung in the Centerville High School auditorium by the choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, on evening Friday. This choir has an outstanding reputation as a musical organization, and will have about one hundred voices when it appears in this program.

"The Messiah" always is welcomed by music lovers and is a source of inspiration to all who hear this great masterpiece. It is to be presented to the community without charge by the congregations of the following churches which are cooperating in this service: Alvarado Presbyterian, Centerville Presbyterian and Niles Congregational Churches. It is a rare privilege to enjoy such an outstanding musical program.

## ICE HOCKEY OFFERED FANS AT BERKELEY

BERKELEY — California's fast improving hockey team will face the nation's best amateur ice sextets during the West-Midwest Intercollegiate Championships December 27 and 28 at Berkeley Ice-land. The Bears along with Santa Rosa J. C. and Sacramento J. C. will defend the reputation of Northern California against invading teams from USC, Colorado College and Illinois.

Preliminary matches have been scheduled for December 26 simultaneously at the Santa Rosa and Sacramento rinks, with the six competing squads moving to Berkeley for the two nights of finals.

## COLD SNAP

Washington Township shared in the cold snap which swept Central California last week. The cold wind of last Friday kept pools in nearby shady spots frozen all day. A local mechanic reported a reading of 20 degrees when he opened up his cement garage for work one morning last week.

## LEGION PARTY

George Smith was master of ceremonies at the annual Christmas party of the Washington Township Post of the American Legion held at the Veterans Memorial Building in Niles Tuesday night. More than 100 attended. After the program of entertainment, Santa Claus distributed gifts to the children and ice-cream and cake were served. The Legion, the Auxiliary, the Sons of the Legion and the Junior Auxiliary participated.

## COUPLE WED IN NILES CHURCH SATURDAY AFTERNOON

DECOTO — Alfred Galarsa of Decoto, and Aurora Robles of Oakland, were united in marriage at a ceremony performed at the Corpus Christi Church at Niles on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The bride wore a white gown with finger tip veil. Mrs. Stella Perreira, sister of the groom was matron of honor and wore a blue gown. Mr. Tony Perreira was best man.

Following the ceremony, a dinner and reception was held at the home of the groom's parents here.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Galarsa, and is a graduate of the Decoto Grammar school and also attended Washington Union High School at Centerville. He is employed in a furniture factory in San Francisco.

The newlyweds are residing at the home of the groom's parents here.

## BLUEBIRD CLUB PARTY

NEWARK — The Newark Bluebird Club will hold their Christmas party Friday evening at seven o'clock at the Newark School auditorium. The school children are to stage the entertainment. Santa Claus will distribute toys and candy to the children. The time of this performance has been changed to an earlier hour so as to leave people free to attend a whist party at the Newark Pavilion and "The Messiah" at the High School at 8:15.

## CARS COLLIDE

NEWARK — An automobile collision occurred at Newark Sunday at 11:30 a.m. on the corners of Sycamore Street and Dairy Avenue. The car badly damaged was operated by William Montero, while the other car, which was slightly damaged was operated by Manuel DeSales. No one was injured. DeSales claims he did not see the other car approaching the intersection.

## HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

San Jose State College students of the township arrived home last Friday and will return to classes on the 30th. University of California students are arriving this week and will re-register on January 18. Stanford, Santa Clara University and Salinas Junior College, College of Women at San Francisco are also represented among students home in the township for holidays.



## HOME DEPARTMENT HOLDS CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

NEWARK — The Newark Farm Home Department held a Christmas party and a dinner at the home of Mrs. John Pope on Monday. There were twenty members present. A short business meeting was held and plans were made for a whist party to be held in January. The dinner committee consisted of Mrs. Alice Tuchsien, Mrs. Betty Lowe, Mrs. Cecil Truscott, and Mrs. Francis MacGregor. The December meeting has been cancelled due to the holidays, and their next regular meeting will be held in January at the home of Mrs. Louisa Ries.

## IRVINGTON

Miss Agnes Raymond  
Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Frates of Santa Clara and Mr. and Mrs. George Caldera of Hayward visited Mr. and Mrs. Stepp Raymond on Tuesday evening.

Little Beverly Santos, formerly of Irvington, now living in Monterey is reported to be convalescing after a several weeks illness. She is planning to spend the Christmas holidays with her father, Charles Santos here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Constance of Seattle, Washington visited Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Leal last week. The Constance family will be remembered by many Irvington friends as the owners of the Irvington Bakery a few years ago.

A group of Irvington's younger set attended the regular meeting of the rainbow club's Monday evening Christmas party.

Miss Martha Mack is now visiting relatives in Oakland for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Harvey of Irvington are now making their home in Mission San Jose.

The Bazaar and food sale given by the Women's Association of the Irvington Community church on Saturday was reported to be a huge success.

Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Dycus and family are now residing in Niles, where Mr. Dycus is employed.

Miss Eleanor George of San Leandro spent the weekend with relatives in Irvington.

Mr. and Mrs. Stepp Raymond and Bonnie George visited with LeRoy Raymond at the Presidio of Monterey on Sunday. The three volunteer boys are now stationed at Camp Ord in Salinas.

## EASTERN STAR TO SEAT OFFICERS THIS EVENING

CENTERVILLE — Orient Chapter of the O. E. S. will install officers at the Masonic Hall at Centerville tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock.

Marjorie Bowman Webb of Kilcare Woods, Sunol, will be seated as worthy matron, succeeding Lois Gravestock. Mrs. Fern Mittee of Niles will be installed for her 25th consecutive term as secretary.

Guests of members have been invited to witness the ceremonial and the social hour which will follow.

## DRUIDS ENTERTAIN

CENTERVILLE — The Centerville Lodge of Druids entertained their families and friends at a Christmas party held at Anderson's Hall Monday night. Santa Claus was present with a treat for the children and a program of entertainment was arranged by A. E. Francis and A. E. Alameda.

Friends will be glad to hear that Miss Louise Emerson is able to be up and around after being confined to the San Jose Hospital for a few days.

The ladies of the S. P. R. S. I. will receive Holy communion in a group on Sunday at the 8:30 mass at St. Joseph church in Mission San Jose.

## DECOTO NEWS

Mrs. Edmund Francis  
Correspondent

Miss Cecelia Janeiro is recovering from an attack of the influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Leira are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Muniz, Jeanette Luna, Bernice Breuer, and Jewel and Nadine King have been confined to their homes with influenza.

Carmen Romero, Isabel Gomez, Saturnina Martin, Maris Luna, John King, Henry Dutra, Bud Luna, and Paul Garcia were among those who enjoyed the grand opening free dance held at the Pavilion at Newark Saturday evening.

Mrs. Alma Seales and son Harry are confined to their beds with influenza.

Alwin Seales is ill at his home here with influenza.

Say you "Saw it in The Township Register."

## RECORD CROWD ENJOYS OPENING OF NEWARK HALL

NEWARK — A record crowd of 1,000 persons attended the opening of the Newark Pavilion Saturday evening, where a free dance took place. A nine-piece union orchestra furnished the music and there were plenty of refreshing drinks and hot sandwiches.

Sunday afternoon, a chamirta was held for the elderly people.

Sunday evening, a special meeting was held by the S. E. S. lodge at the pavilion. Manuel DeSalles presided as President Joe Reis was not able to be present. The supreme president, Manuel Madruga of Lathrop made a few remarks on the progress of the S. E. S. lodge here in Newark. The purpose of the meeting was to initiate a number of new members into the organization.

New members initiated were Joseph Enos, Manuel Fraga, Arthur C. Silva, James J. Collins, Frank Ferreira, and Frank Wells of Newark; Dallas Paul of Centerville; and Manuel Gaspar of Alvarado. Manuel De Quadros of Centerville was taken in as an honorary member.

About 400 people are expected to attend a whist party Friday evening at the Newark Pavilion for the benefit of the remodeling of this hall. There will be a number of valuable awards.

The S. E. S. Corporation also announces that they will hold a New Year's Eve dance, Tuesday evening, December 31 at the Newark Pavilion.

The Board of Directors including Joe Guardanapo, president, A. E. Francis, vice president; Frank De Salles, secretary; Orland Meneze, treasurer, Joe Pashote, director and the S. E. S. lodge members wish to thank the public for their cooperation in making this event the success that it was.

## LOCAL COUPLE TO WED JANUARY 26

Miss Edith Marion Alves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Alves of Second Street and niece of Fire Chief Tony Alves will be married to Peter Joseph Fracoli, also of Niles at a ceremony to be performed at the Corpus Christi church on January 26. The couple will reside in Niles where the groom-elect is employed at the steel mill. The bride-to-be is a graduate of the Niles Grammar School and Washington Union High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Karius, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Straub, Evelyn Brown Leslie Callaghan, Red Amara and Leland Meacham were among the large crowd attending the grand opening of the S. E. S. Hall in Newark last Saturday evening.

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## VIEUX BROS.

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The grand opening of John Nunes pool hall will be held Saturday evening on Elm street. His building was just remodeled, as the interior was destroyed by fire recently.



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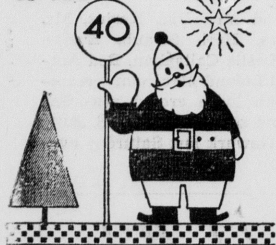
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TO ALL**



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MEAT  
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CHRISTMAS CHEER



YEAR AFTER YEAR

ALL THIS AND HEAVEN, TOO . .

When Christmas time rolls 'round we realize more fully what a wonderful world this is. We appreciate more fully the friendship of those around us, and we decide that the joy of living is more precious than all the money in the world. For the part you've played in making our life more enjoyable this year, we thank you!

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## BRITISH COURAGE TOLD IN LETTER RECEIVED HERE

Miss Louise Inglis, a member of the faculty of the Niles School, is in receipt of an interesting letter from her cousin in Edinburgh, Scotland. The following excerpts will be of interest to readers of the Township Register.

Miss Inglis' cousin is in the employ of the British Government, having spent ten years of that time in India and the East Indies.

QUOTE:—

"Aunt Jean is wonderfully brave about the war, never once have I seen her ownhearted about the ultimate result. Nobody of course is. We too think the Londoners are really magnificent. The raids are nothing here compared with what they have in England. Our turn may be coming, but even if things get 100 times worse than at present, we can stand it. Will stand anything as long as Hitler and all the evil things he stands for are ultimately crushed. He doesn't know; how can the poor upstart, realize the traditions that have gone to make up the British Empire?"

An old lady friend of mine, who is an ambulance driver — she is 60, said to me last night when we were at our Depot during an air raid (I'm an ambulance driver also), "I've been entertaining Poles during the weekend and I've been getting on to them. Every time they say they are amazed at our pluck or at our ability to stick it, and asking them why they are amazed, what else did they expect?" There's nothing really to be amazed at, and we know only too well that you folks would do the very same if you were fighting for your liberty. We have been asleep for a time. But the seeds were there all the time longing for the day when they would be awakened and called into action. And I can assure you all that the civilian population is proud of the chance to be in the front line in this war, instead of staying behind as in the last war and watching our beautiful young men being butchered. And we are proud and grateful beyond words for the magnificent help America is giving us. You are really being wonderful, as my husband always says one of the good things which will result from this war is the even closer alliance between the two greatest nations in the world.

We cannot see how this awful catastrophe which Hitler has let loose upon the world is going to end. But that conquered somehow it will be, we have never doubted, and even in the darkest days when poor old France gave in, we were never downhearted, not with a leader like Winston Churchill; a King and Queen whose example is a shining light to us all. The really magnificent and marvellous endurance and skill and bravery of our Royal Air Force and our navy. The truly magnificent help from your own dear selves across the Atlantic, and the courage, fortitude, determination and cheerfulness of the ordinary citizens. So don't worry about us too much, just pray for us and especially for the lads in the air and those at sea, for theirs is the true sacrifice.

War conditions are really not too drastic here, and as each little thing comes along how quickly we can get used to it. In fact I think our sense of humor has gone up

## Christmas Card Was Invented By a Man With Many Friends



This is believed to be the first Christmas card. It was made in London in 1846.

CHRISTMAS cards are almost as much a part of Christmas as Santa Claus himself, yet they have been in use less than a century.

According to most records, the first Christmas card was designed in 1846 by Mr. J. C. Horsley, a prominent member of the Royal Academy of London. It was produced at the request of Sir Henry Cole, a man with many friends.

Sir Cole wondered how he could express his personal Christmas greeting to a thousand friends spread throughout England. After dismissing the thought of visiting each personally, or giving presents, he decided to send them each a card by mail.

One thousand hand colored cards were prepared with a picture showing a jolly family seated at a huge

dinner table. Each member of the family was looking into a brimming glass which he held in his hand.

When these cards were distributed, they raised a furor among temperance proponents throughout the country. The disturbance focused nationwide attention on the new greeting card.

It was not until several years later, however, that the first lithographed Christmas card made its appearance. Originality was almost completely lacking. The greeting was invariably "A Merry Christmas" or "A Jolly Christmas." Designs seldom had anything to do with the season, but contained pictures of birds, flowers, animals or children.

America soon adopted the British custom, and the Christmas card was born.

## NEWARK

Eugene Pashote  
Correspondent

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Newark Fire Department held a Christmas party Friday evening at the Newark Fire hall. Gifts were distributed among the members and games were played. Refreshments were served. They also made plans for their Valentine dance to be held at the Newark Pavilion, Saturday evening, February 15. Those in charge are Mrs. A. C. Silva, chairman; Mrs. Orland Meneze, and Mrs. J. E. Pashote.

Games were played, and refreshments were served during the Christmas party, which was followed by a short business meeting. Secret Pals of the past year were revealed at this social gathering. They will hold their next regular meeting, Wednesday evening, January 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Cogswell returned home Friday after spending three weeks in New York attending the molders convention and visiting relatives and friends at Washington D. C.

Mrs. Anna Moses of Berkeley was a business visitor in Newark Monday, attending to her property on Mulberry street.

Anson Johnson is reported to be recovering at his home from a recent accident. He may not lose the sight of his eye, according to last reports. This accident happened while refilling a gun when duck hunting.

Wilbert Pine of Newark and Betty Freitas of Centerville motored to San Francisco on Sunday in his 1940 Dodge Sedan which he purchased last week from the Newark Garage.

The Newark Sportsmen's Club held their annual turkey dinner Tuesday evening at Butler's Hotel. Joe Silva of Hayward acted as toastmaster of the evening. Motion pictures were shown.

The Newark Sportswomen held their regular meeting Wednesday evening at Butler's Hotel. Mrs. William Calderia was taken in as a new member. The club presented Mrs. William Cottingham, a member, with a beautiful wedding present. The club held their Christmas party Wednesday evening of this week.

Bill Ruskofsky, George May, Leona and Florence May, Edith Meneze, and June Stenhouse attended a theater party in Oakland Saturday night.

100 per cent since rationing and black-outs came into force. We really want for very little in the way of food, a little less of this and that. But it's great fun getting other things to take their places. The air raid alarms too don't bother many people. We just pop off to our shelter, hoping for the best and carry on.

## AIR CORPS SEEKS MEN FOR DUTY AS GROUND OFFICERS

SAN FRANCISCO — The Regular Army is offering to eligible former flying cadets and certain civilians who meet the requirements a course in training to qualify as Air Corps ground duty officers in the field of engineering according to Colonel G. T. Perkins, district recruiting officer for Northern California.

The pay and allowances for cadets undergoing this training will be the same as for those receiving pilot training and upon completion of the course, requiring about nine months, the cadet is eligible for commission as a 2nd Lieutenant, Air Reserve.

Applicants must meet the general requirements of flying cadets, the physical requirements are not so rigid. Unmarried male citizens of the United States, between the ages of 20 and 26 inclusive who are of good character and in excellent health are eligible.

This training is designed to qualify the students as Squadron Engineering Officers and college graduates with degrees in engineering will be given first priority. Classes of 50 students will commence at both New York and Purdue Universities every three months beginning January 1941. The course there to be of twelve weeks duration and will consist of instructions in engineering theory pertaining to the maintenance of aircraft. Candidates who successfully complete this course will be given the Army airplane mechanics course.

Qualified young men interested in a career in the Army Air Corps will do well to investigate the opportunities offered in this course, and full information may be had at any of the U. S. Army Recruiting Offices in San Francisco, Oakland or San Jose.

## TRY TAKING IT APART AND HIDING THE PARTS!

Starkly contrasting with motorizing of today, is a rule of 1907 which will bring a nostalgic twinge for the "good old days" to motorists of yesterday, according to the Touring Department of the National Automobile Club. For it was in that year that the following advice about what to do when encountering terrified horses was issued to Missouri motorists:

"Drive to one side of the road and, if possible, hide the machine behind a clump of trees; then quietly, take the bridles of the horses and lead them past the automobile. Then give the farmer a cheery slap on the back and a hearty 'jolly' that will send him on the way feeling that indeed the automobile is the prince of them all."

No record is extant of the casualties resulting from this counsel.

## TWO FIRES HERE

Two fires on Saturday called out the Niles department, Total damage being about \$100. The first call came early in the morning when a chimney caught fire at the home of Mrs. Mary Martin on J Street. In the afternoon a shed at the Letendre home on Third Street burned a quantity of coal and wood, the shed and damaged garage, total damage being about \$100.

Have your printing done by The Register Press.



HERE IN OUR HEARTS . .

. . . are locked words that are difficult to put on paper. If we could write them they would add new meaning to our wishes for you this season. We must depend on you to understand our sincerity when we wish you a Merry Christmas, and good will on earth for all men.

**JOE'S CORNER**

Joe Viveiros, Prop.

Niles

## BAY BRIDGE RULES HOLD GOOD ANYWHERE

Distributed to motorists by the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge management and the California Highway Patrol are cards listing a series of rules for safety on the bridge. These rules are reviewed in a statement by public safety department of the California State Automobile Association, with the comment that the list applies not only to the bridge but to all highway travel. Here are the rules:

Never cross the double center line stripe.

Never straddle a traffic lane stripe.

Stay in your traffic lane except when passing.

When driving slowly keep in the lane next to the curb.

Do not follow too close behind the car ahead. It may stop suddenly.

Mix equal portions of good driving and courtesy.

Mrs. Lenda Kraft, Mrs. Emma Collins, Mrs. Elizabeth Dittman, Mrs. Mary Texeira, and Mrs. Ida Hoffman attended a pot luck dinner and Christmas party served by the Women of the Moose Wednesday evening in San Jose.

## CHRISTMAS



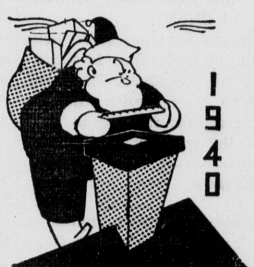
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## CHRISTMAS



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## NILES LOCALS

Miss Leontine Rose  
Correspondent

A free theatre party for kiddies, sponsored by the Cannery Workers Union, local No. 20843 at the State Theatre in Hayward has been announced for this Saturday afternoon beginning at 1:30 o'clock.

Washington Township enjoyed a nice rain Sunday night, which put a end to the cold snap of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Thornburg will spend the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. Thornburg's brother in Los Angeles.

About 20 persons enjoyed the young peoples' box supper held Saturday evening in the Niles Congregational social hall. Richard P. Day acted as auctioneer and games concluded a pleasant evening.

A party was given on Saturday for Jimmy Noether, Jr. to celebrate his first birthday at the home of Mrs. Selma Burgess. The guests were Mrs. June Bailey and son, Billy, Miss Cora Burgess, Kenneth and Dick Burgess, Rose Cattaneo, Mrs. Joe Carlson, Art Wilson and Earl Warden.

The turkey party held at Solons in Niles Saturday night was a big success. The management provided 150 turkey sandwiches for their patrons and guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack MacGregor will spend the Christmas holidays in Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Green of San Francisco will attend the installation of Orient Chapter, O.E.S. in Centerville tomorrow night.

The Niles Chamber of Commerce voted on Monday to string and light the community Christmas tree which stands outside the Niles Fire house.

The Niles Postoffice will be open this Saturday afternoon from noon until 6 o'clock for the convenience of patrons. Postmaster Ed Enos announces.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Martenstein entertained 20 friends at a bridge dinner at their home last Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Martin entertained at a dinner party at the Hotel Belvoir Saturday night. Cards followed at their home on Second street.

Phyllis Owen, Lorraine Peterson and Albert Silva, accompanied by Laura Lee Zwissig on the piano, entertained the Community Players, a dramatic club, at the I.O.O.F. Hall on Monday.

Harry Shott of Sacramento is visiting his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nelson in Niles.

Mrs. Bertchem of Niles sprained her ankle on Monday, while stepping off a curb. She was taken immediately to a doctor.

Miss Emily Mesquite is working at the Rite Price Market in place of Mrs. Charles Tinker, who is down with the flu.

Mr. Chester Leon Claycomb of Niles and Miss Edith Anderson of Alameda were married in Oakland on Saturday. They plan to reside in Oakland. They spent their honeymoon in Monterey.

Rogert F. Stalldamp and Miss Barbara Straub announced their engagement on Wednesday, December 11. Wedding plans are indefinite.

Miss Rose Cantanero of Niles did substitute teacher work at Berryessa on Monday. She was scheduled to work until December 20 but because of the flu epidemic the school was closed. Miss Cantanero is a graduate of San Jose State College.

Leonard Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, returned home from the Alameda Sanitarium Sunday much improved after a serious operation.

The Niles Grammar School closed Friday until Monday, January 26, because of more than 50 absences from influenza, according to Principal E. D. Bristow.

The Kraftsmen's Club will have its fifth annual Christmas party next Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. This will be for members only.

Miss Margaret Williams and Mrs. Gladys Williamson were luncheon guests of Mrs. Frank Solinsky in Berkeley last Thursday.

## When Christmas Came



The Fireplace Glowed With Logs.

BRICE HARPER stepped from her train happily. A whole month, with Christmas only ten days away. That meant nearly three weeks for after-Christmas jollification, skating, visiting round with old friends and just squatted before the big fireplace reading and talking. Wouldn't Aunt Margaret and Uncle Jake be pleased and surprised, for she had not written. After three steady, grinding, monotonous years in the department store, it would be heavenly.

She flashed a look down the platform. Yes, there was wooden-legged Sam, the expressman. Things hadn't changed a bit in three years.

"Hoo-hoo!" she challenged.

The old expressman looked up, stared, then stumped forward.

"Blest if 'tain't Brice Harper!" he cried. "Back among your old friends ag'in. Fine! Come to stay, or a-visitin'?"

## House Is Deserted.

"Just visiting, Uncle Sam—two whole weeks, though. Out to Aunt Margaret Holmes. After three years! I'd never have believed I could stay away that long. But 500 miles—too far for a poor girl to afford paying fare for a few days' vacation. Now it's a month, though, because I haven't taken a vacation in so long. Can you take me and my trunk right out? I'll ride with you, and—"

"Ain't ye heered—had no letter ner nothin'?" asked the old man, whose face had been growing troubled.

"No-no. Anything the matter?" "No, except they ain't there. Your Aunt Marg'ret said Christmas was so lonesome here she couldn't spend another like the last. So two, three days ago she an' your Uncle Jack went into the next county to spend Christmas with a cousin who has a passel o' children. I was by there yes-day, an' the house did look dismal all shot up."

"Isn't there any one to look after them?"

"One o' the Dill boys was asked to, I b'lieve. He—"

A shrill hail came from a store front across from the station.

"S-say, Brice," wheedled the old expressman, "would ye mind waitin' three, four seconds? That mad shouter was Storekeeper Tomson. Been 'spectin' a box o' Christmas stuff more'n a week, an' 'twas jest throwed off this train. S'pose I take the box 'cross to him, then come an' carry you an' the trunk out to any o' your girl friends? They'll all be glad to have ye visit 'em."

But Brice had been thinking rapidly.

## Invites Girl Friends.

"Take the box over to the store, Uncle Sam," she said, "and I'll run across to the post office while you're gone. I want to write some postals. And no, I won't embarrass any of my girl friends. You may carry me right out to the farmhouse. I know where Aunt Margaret hides the keys, and I'm perfectly sure she and Uncle Jack would want me to go right there and use everything as my own. I'll take care of the poultry," enthusiastically, "and I'll roast one of the turkeys for Christmas and cook everything that goes with it, pies and cakes and all. Won't it be fun!"

"You can invite a lot of your girl friends to eat with you," grinned the expressman, entering into the spirit.

"Afterward," agreed Brice. "They'll all want to eat at home on Christmas. Then we'll have a round

of nice times. But for the real Christmas I'm going to depend on their postals. There are lots of nice girls in the department store who haven't any home and who will have to depend on the cheap boarding-houses they live at. I'll write a postal to Aunt Margaret and to five or six girls I know will be glad to spend a week or ten days with me. And say, Uncle Sam, I'll look round and then make out a list of groceries and other things I want you to bring out, and—any place where I can buy a Christmas tree?"

"Ain't none better than grow right down on your uncle's place."

"All right. I'll get the Dill boy to help, an' we'll rig up a nice one."

"Need any Christmas present stuff?" chuckled old Sam. "Mebbe ye'd like to see Tomson pry the cover off that box."

"Deed I would," promptly. "I'll be right over from the post office."

The girls condemned to a prospective boarding-house Christmas accepted Brice's invitation relievedly. On the third day Old Sam brought the hilarious five out in his ancient express wagon.

Then the girls piled in like a whole jolly Christmas in itself, and the old farmhouse seemed like to burst itself. The Christmas tree was cut and drawn home with all the appropriate songs and carols and huzzas they could think of, and trimmed as never a Christmas tree had been trimmed before. Dressed in all sorts of costumes, the happy girls sang hymns hour after hour, quitting only when they were too tired to continue.

And then, right in the midst of it the hearty voice of Uncle Jack roared through the door, mellowed by the softer, happy laugh of Aunt Margaret.

"I'm going to have that dinky post office over there indicted," guffawed Uncle Jack. "Kept that postal four days before the R. F. D. delivered it. Fifteen minutes after that we were on our way. Of course, we had to come. Five more girls to help wake the old house up! Whoopie! Why didn't you write so we needn't have left the lonesome place?"

## Need More Food.

"Why didn't you write so I'd have known what to expect?" retorted Brice.

"Lucky none of us did," laughed Aunt Margaret, "for then we might not have these five extra nice girls. Come, I must get into the kitchen."

"But we've cooked and cooked, and cooked, till—"

"Not enough," declared Aunt Margaret firmly, "no matter how much you've done. There are all your old friends that must be invited to come—though they'll come anyhow. And we must invite a lot of extra young people in evenings to help keep things going. Then—my land! There's a wagon-load outside. Cousin Mary didn't want us to leave, so we brought 'em all along. Jack's going into town this evening to buy what he can find. If any of your girls want to go along he'd like your company."

"But, Aunt Margaret, we've got a tree ram-jammed full," protested Brice.

"Not enough," firmly. "We can pack on the floor under the tree. Now I'm going into the kitchen. Can't you see, girls," her firm voice dropping pathetically, "being Christmas, I've just got to cook something."

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

A Christmas Tree decoration dinner was given on Sunday, by Laura Lee and Bob Zwissig at their home. The guests were Jim Tarter of Oakland, Isola and Lawrence Moise of Niles, and Sid Shelton of Berkeley.

Mrs. Fern Mitte, president of the Past District Deputies' Association of Rebekahs was present at a Christmas party for the organization at San Leandro Monday night. She was accompanied by Mrs. Rose Fournier.

Mrs. J. D. Siler, who suffered a stroke on December 4, is gradually recovering under the care of a nurse in her home at 824 Second street in Niles.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bonde are expecting their son George Jr. home from Harvard University in time to enjoy Christmas at Niles.

Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Grau had Mr. and Mrs. Walter Waynflete as guests Tuesday night at the Christmas dinner party of the Arts and Crafts Guild served in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Overacker.

## MISSION SAN JOSE

Miss Elaine Justus  
Correspondent

Mrs. Fern Overacher motored to Oakland on Thursday and visited her sister, Miss Faye Ammons. She remained over night returning on Friday. Becky Jean, her young daughter stayed with her grandmother.

Friends of Oscar Underhill, a resident of the Mission for a number of years, will be saddened at his sudden passing recently at his home in Niles. He died of a heart attack.

Our flu list grows. Lottie Untiedt, Harley Justus, Adeline Pereira, Albert K. Wallace, Mrs. Cassie Witherly, Herman Medeiros and several more are either down or getting over it.

Miss Madeline Perry accompanied by Virgil Guerrero of Oakland attended the senior dance and supper given by the Fremont High School of Oakland on Saturday night at the Baltabarin in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Gueno Bernal of Irvington spent a day last week at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy who has been at home with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lowers of Agate Beach spent Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Periera.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cudiamat, who have been employed at the C. L. Best home for several years have moved to San Jose.

The Guadalupe Inn, owned and operated by John M. Fernandes for quite some time since the passing of "Fritz" Fernandez (no relation) has been closed on account of the ill health of Mr. Fernandes. The Fernandes family has moved to Oakland to make their future home.

Sonny, Nadine and Marline Fernandez, son and daughters of the Bill Fernandez, have been confined to their beds with the flu.

Miss Myrtle Rose and a friend spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ruskofsky, the former Miss Helen Witherly of the Mission, now of Oakland.

Mrs. Margaret Bunting, owner of the Mission Herford Ranch on the Sunol road left Tuesday morning for Chicago and points east to be with her children over the holidays.

Mrs. Mary Souza of Bryant street is reported very ill at her home here. Its the flu again and she has been under the doctors care for over a week.

## NEWARK SCHOOL NEWS

NEWARK — The Newark Boosters' Club, sponsors of the Newark School Traffic Patrol provided the patrol Sunday afternoon when they treated the boys to a theatre party at the Golden Gate theater and a dinner in San Francisco.

The Club members were Sam Scott, Val Tuchen and Principal Jack MacGregor. The boys were Henry Marshall, captain; John Hanamoto, Joe Hilton, Luther Hudson, Earl Ewer, Carl Pierce, Le Mar Morris, Ernest Marine, and Bruno Lopez.

The following films have been seen by the upper grades of the Newark School recently, "Submarine Service," "Making Men of Warsmen," "Navy Wings of Gold," and "Men O'Warsmen". All these pictures related to the United States Navy.

Miss Nelle Warren is confined to her bed with flu and Mrs. Elma Pereira is again up and around.

Joseph Jardine of Hayward is attending to the gas business at the Big Tree Service while his brother in law is down with the flu.

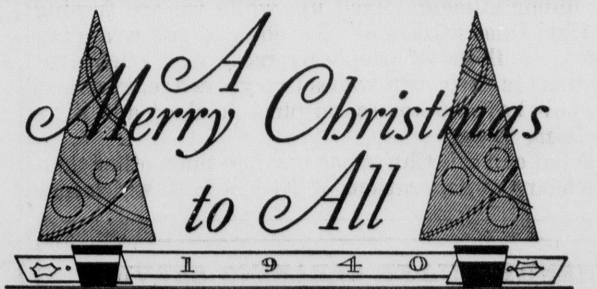
Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Haley of Berkeley visited at the home of Mrs. Annie B. Haley recently.

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## LOOKING BETTER

One wonders if Hitler actually believes any of the "eye-wash" he dished out to the workmen in a gun factory in Germany last week. Every statement he made was false because all his premises are specious. His method, per se, has no foundation except force, and in the course of continued use, force dissipates itself. He and his'n are way, way out on a limb and its bound to crack - soon.

Poor Benito must be in a blue funk. Every thing he undertakes goes wrong. His vaunted Libyan adventure is becoming a rout, and his Greek "invasion" has become one of the most dramatic reversals in military history.

To begin with, his soldiers dont want to fight anybody, least of all the friendly Greeks and British. His abandoned forces in Albania are surrendering in order to get food to eat and a warm place to sleep. There is no honor and no glory to inspire them in this war, primarily because they, the soldiers, dont want any war.

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A Washington Columnist states that big American industries which have branches in Europe, are going to press the administration for a negotiated peace next spring. This wholly selfish effort, if successful, will undo everything the English have been fighting and dying for the past 15 months. As long as Hitler is boss in Europe, there can be no conceivable peace worth having. — In the last war, when the armistice was announced the Kaiser abdicated, thus opening the way to a peace of sorts. There can be no peace of any sort while Hitler and his bloodhounds live.

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Official quarters in Rome and Berlin do not take the Italian reverses in North Africa seriously. As a news commentator asks: if the capture of Sidi Barrani is not important, what constitutes a major military victory? It seems the nazis are at last getting absorbed in the black fog of lies which they themselves have created. Everything is so exactly smug with them, nothing exists outside of their own immediate world. They wouldn't know the truth if they saw it.

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The detailed reports of what the British did in North Africa reads like the wildest fiction. In fact the true story of Greek and British resistance is so dramatic it beggars description.

The President's statement last week, made at Warm Springs alarmed even official Washington. He said he would be back in March "If there is a world left". Coming from the President, that means just what?

Religious people believe this war is the Armageddon foretold in Scripture, and that the millenium is at hand. — Only time can solve the mystery of the present-day world upset.

## PITIFUL

While we safe Americans are going to doctors to have minor ailments fixed up, while we are fussing over Christmas cards and what color of gift wrapping to use . . millions of people overseas who celebrated Christmas in their own homes two years ago, even last year, now have no homes, no place to sleep and little or nothing to eat.

What can this Christmas mean to them other than a shattering of generations of faith, a faith which now

## Editorial Page of the Township Register



## From The Staff

does not feed nor clothe them?

One wonders what has become of the Man of Galilee who blessed children and healed people nearly two thousand years ago. Does He care, or was his mission on earth in vain?

Yet we celebrate next Wednesday the 1944th anniversary of His advent, amid our present comfort and plenty. Are we thankful for our blessings or has ease softened our moral fibres to the point where we are callous and indifferent?

If so, watch out. "His rebuke is fearful."

## REMINDING PAST DUE SUBSCRIBERS . .

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## SOLDIER OF FRANCE

Such an old, old man he is, Henri Philippe Petain. He was the hero of Verdun, the quick-minded, hard-headed, courageous soldier who held the line that France dared not yield — held it against all that Hindenburg and Ludendorff could mass against it. But that was quarter of a century ago; and today Petain, a confused old man, timorous and undecided, has led France into cheapness — has caused her to turn her back on her gallant ally England, has shamefully linked beaten France's destiny with the destiny of arrogant Nazi Germany.

So it has seemed — until very recently. Last week little trickles of news, loose ends of happenings, began to shed new light on the policies of the "doddering old man who doesn't know what the score is", as Petain has been described. Petain allowed Maxime Weygand, France's top general, to be "squeezed" out of the Vichy, government by Laval — but then Petain sent Weygand to French Africa. There, now Weygand is in command of powerful colonial forces that might deal a death blow to Axis hopes of strangling England by conquering the Mediterranean area! Petain confers and "compromises" and "agrees on collaboration in principle" with Hitler and Hitler envoys. Yet somehow the French Navy remains free of direct Nazi control — and Weygand the Fox is loose in North Africa.

On the surface posing as a bewildered, senile shadow of a once great military leader, but secretly and shrewdly plotting to drive from his country the invaders he stopped at Verdun, the dauntless old marshal may, in disgrace and ignominy, be preparing the grandest coup of his career. He may be heightening in advance the luster of the only description he has ever expressed a wish to have engraved upon his tomb: "Petain, Soldier of France".

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## No 'Merry Christmas' In English Monastery

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In addition to abstaining from meat and fish, these men have imposed upon themselves the vow of perpetual silence. On Christmas eve at 12 o'clock they will attend Mass, then retire to their cubicles for sleep or meditation till 4 a. m., when they will rise and join in the chanting of lauds and matins. Presumably the vow of silence holds good only for conversation.

Christmas breakfast will consist of tea or coffee and one slice of bread and jam. Dinner will be weighed carefully to ensure that there is no over-indulgence, and at night they will sup off vegetables and tea or hot milk. They usually retire at nine, so as to be ready for prayer at two in the morning on Boxing day. The Guest Master says: "This way of spending the Holy Season is the best of all."

## Mistletoe Has Known Long, Eventful History

Of all the Christmas greens, the best-loved, probably, is the mistletoe, which likewise has experienced the most eventful history of all plants.

In the days of pagan worship in England the mistletoe was chosen for great honors, being cut from its host, the oak tree, with golden axes. It was gathered for the people and a bit given to each person to ward off illness.

But the plant paid dear for these honors for when the Christian church was established it was not allowed in any church because of its pagan association, and it is told that preachers even would stop in their sermons if a tiny bit were spied and the service waited until the offending bit of green was removed.

In later centuries it became again the symbol of peace and friendship and has since been tacked on the doorway as a token of friendly greeting.

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### MANY PERSONS GIVEN EMPLOYMENT DURING OCTOBER

HAYWARD — October continues the high placement record made by the State Department of Employment according to announcement made today by Walter Gamman, manager of the Hayward Department office.

Placements for the month totaled 27,817 as against 25,534 for October, 1939, an increase of 8.9 percent, Gamman said. The Department's active file, that is, persons who are registered for work with the Department, dropped 3.8 percent from 391,447 in September to 376,509 in October.

In the unemployment compensation field, a state wide total of 339,557 checks were distributed to eligible workers during October of this year amounting to \$4,727,823.

In the Southern Alameda County area, a total of 1,478 checks were written in October 1940 and \$19,955 was distributed to unemployed workers here.

### STATE GAINS 3 CONGRESSMEN

SAN FRANCISCO — California, whose population rose to 6,907,387 in the past decade, will be entitled to three new representatives in the Seventy-eighth Congress when it convenes in January, 1943, the Census Bureau has reported to President Roosevelt, according to dispatches here.

A gain of 1,230,127 persons since 1930 has made California the fifth most populous State in the Union, topped only by New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ohio.

Meanwhile, The Census Bureau announced a re-check discloses that San Francisco gained approximately 1,000 in population from 1930 to 1940 instead of losing nearly 6,000 as originally reported.

Registration of voters in California reached an all-time high in the recent presidential election, with a total of 4,052,385, compared with 3,253,821 four years ago.

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473,340, an increase of \$159,662 from the levy for 1939-40; school bonds, \$1,306,869, an increase of \$87,941 from last year's levy; special district taxes, \$1,149,605 a decrease of \$62,595 from the levy for 1939-40.

### GROUP URGES DECORATING TREES

SAN FRANCISCO — Headed again by Mrs. Alma Spreckles Aul, social leader and philanthropist, as State president, the Outdoor Christmas Tree Association of California, has officially launched its fourteenth annual campaign for outdoor holiday decorations during the coming Yule season.

One of the most comprehensive holiday programs ever undertaken by the Association has been planned this year. Setting its quota at 150,000 illuminated living trees at Christmas, the Association expects to convert the State into a scintillating outdoor garden with the turning on of lights on trees in front of residences, in public parks, city streets, and county highways.

The campaign this year is being sponsored by the California State Chamber of Commerce which is urging "an outdoor Christmas tree for every California home" and "a mile of living Christmas trees for every California city".

The Outdoor Christmas Tree Association of California is the only association of its kind in America. It was first formed in 1926 by Clarence F. Pratt, San Francisco, who conceived the idea from the joy his lighted tree in front of his residence brought to a sick child a block away.

### GENIUS MUST WAIT COMING OF AGE

SACRAMENTO — A 13 year old Los Angeles boy with a yen to build a "motor scooter" out of a discarded pair of skates and a model airplane motor sent all the legal talent of the Department of Motor Vehicles into a huddle today.

The boy — son of Don E. Bowen of 1292 Lilac Terrace — asked for permission to operate his vehicle to and from school after equipping it with a free wheeling device, pneumatic tires and a carburetor control.

But while Director James M. Carter has no wish to nip inventive genius in the bud he finally decided it couldn't be done, because, first of all the vehicle, being self propelled, is classified by the Vehicle Code as a "motor vehicle" subject to all licensing and

### STATE AID COSTS \$6,783,220.00 DURING OCTOBER

October expenditures of the three large state aid programs—aid to needy aged, blind and children — aggregated \$6,783,220.00 it was shown in figures released by the State Department of Social Welfare today.

The major portion of the huge expenditure constituted old age security payments which brought an average payment of \$37.90 to 148,175 recipients throughout the State. The total old age expenditures were \$5,616,462.

The Aid to the Needy Blind program brought an average payment of \$48.04 to the State's 7,318 blind aid recipients, costing \$351,520. in all.

All three programs are administered locally by the county agencies, whose administration is supervised by the State Department of Social Welfare. Each payment made in these programs, which are under the public assistance provisions of the Federal Social Security Act, is made possible by joint participation of Federal, State and county governments.

### VAN HORNS MOVE

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Van Horn Jr. moved on Sunday from one of the Frank Martinelli houses on Jay street in Niles to the house at the end of G street recently vacated by Mrs. Jack Sabon and daughter, who have moved to San Francisco. Van Horn is employed by the Associated Oil company at Niles.

### Yule Log Cake

This year you may want to make a "Yule Log Cake." It's quite simple. Spread over a jelly roll a jellied fruit nut mixture. Roll quickly and wrap in waxed paper. Then chill until set. Cover with chocolate French pastry icing. The "bark" can be made by making grooves with a fork or pastry tube. You'll want some "knot holes" in your Yule Log Cake. Small white and green candles will do the trick. The "log" should be kept chilled until time to serve.

The first twin calves ever produced by artificial insemination were born recently on a farm near Merced.

safety regulations and, second, because the boy, being only 13, is ineligible for an operator's license.

Young Bowen's father was advised to give his son a bicycle for transportation until he is old enough for an operator's license.

### NUMBER OF LOCAL HOME OWNERS GROWS

(Special to the Register)

More than 73,400 California families in the local FHA district, of whom 17,714 are residents of Alameda county, this year will celebrate the Christmas holidays in homes of their own, financed with mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration for a total of \$311,039,100.

This represents an increase over the last holiday season of 20,002 homes, on which mortgages amounting to \$84,604,900 have been accepted for insurance by the FHA district office serving the 46 counties of northern and central California.

"These thrifty families have made themselves a most substantial Christmas present," said D. C. McGinness, district director. "In fact, they are enjoying all the comforts, pleasure and security of actual home ownership by paying each month no more, and in a great many cases less, than they were paying for rent a year ago.

"According to increasing requests for information on the Federal Housing plan of financing, many families who failed to reach their goal this year are determined to celebrate next Yuletide in homes of their own. As a means of achieving that ambition, Christmas Club savings are being set aside as a nucleus for the initial payment on a home.

Of the 17,714 FHA home owners in Alameda county, with insured mortgages amounting to \$79,008,600, it was stated that 3910 families more than last year are celebrating the holidays in homes of their own. This investment during the past 12 months, financed under the Federal Housing plan, approximates \$17,915,400.

The S. P. R. S. I. lodge of Newark held a Christmas party at Silva's hall Thursday evening. Gifts were distributed among the members and refreshments were served.

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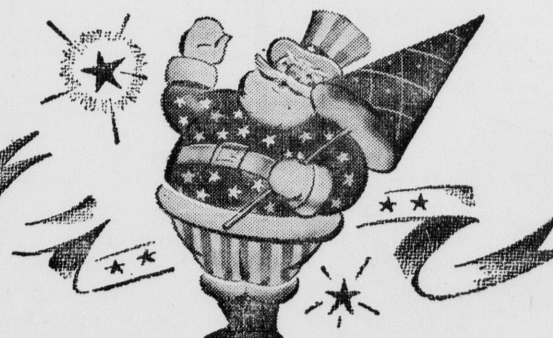
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### TAX SUMMARIES GIVEN FOR ALAMEDA COUNTY

Tax bills now being paid by the property owners of Alameda county for their county, school, and special district governments total \$14,788,685, an increase of \$330,072 over the levies for the same governments for 1939-40, according to a study of tax levies in California counties just made public by California Taxpayers' association. Taxes levied for cities and for irrigation and reclamation districts are not included, the association stated.

Itemized, the tax levy for the county, school, and special districts for the current year shows the following increases and decreases: county current purposes, total levy \$5,249,786, a decrease of \$56,525 from 1939-40; county bonds, \$609,085, an increase of \$201,589 (Heavy cash balances caused low bond levies for 1939-40) from last years levy; school current purposes, \$6,



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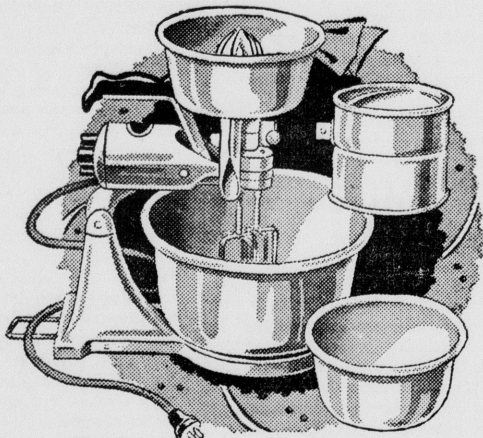
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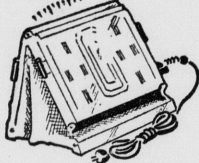


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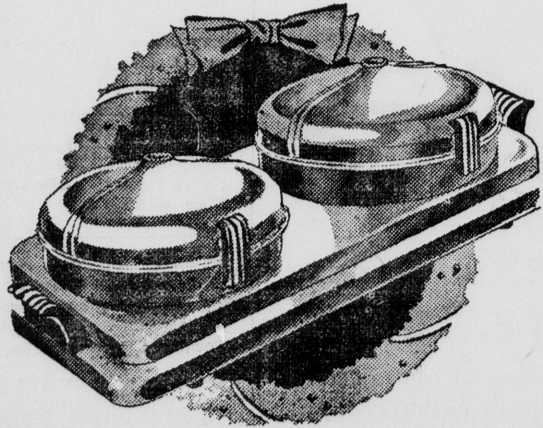
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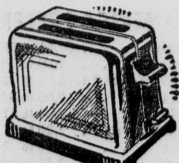


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## NEWARK BOARD STUDIES PROBLEM OF SCHOOL HOUSE

By Eugene Pashote  
NEWARK — A report on reconstructing the Newark Grammar School building for \$28,000 to \$30,000 as compared to building a new school for \$70,000 is being sought today by the board of trustees of the Newark School. The architect, George E. Ellinger stated that a new building of not less than the floor space contained in the present building with equal or better arranged facilities should cost \$70,000, based on prevailing costs at this date.

Ellinger investigated the school building recently with the assistance of R. H. Cooley, structural engineer of Oakland, and reported to the board of trustees that the building did not meet the requirements of the State Division of Architecture as to safe construction. The cost of reconstruction would include the following improvements: remodeling and reinforcing the classrooms, auditorium, and the main entrance to the school. All these rooms must be re-plastered, re-roofed, and re-braced so as to meet the state requirements for safety and to be a well adapted school.

The first school was built in Newark in 1879 on the corners of Dairy Avenue and Cherry Road on the same property that the present school stands on. The present school was built in 1915. Today the Newark School has a teaching staff of six teachers including Jack MacGregor beside the custodian Fred Rieder. The first principal of the present school was J. L. Bunker, who was then followed many years later by Eph L. Musick. Mr. Musick retired in 1936. The present board of trustees consists of: M. D. Silva, clerk; Frank Jones, president and Fred Muller, vice-president.

## MARIHUANA CASE TO BE TRIED HERE NEXT FRIDAY

Three Decoto men charged with possession and sale of marihuana will be tried at the Niles Justice Court Friday afternoon, December 27, at 1:30 o'clock. Jose Escalona Cortez, alias Joe Colona, 50, free on \$2,000 bail was not present because of illness but his attorney, Raymond Ferrario said he would enter his plea on the 27th. It is presumed he will plead not guilty. The other two, Bartolo E. Leal, 38, also represented by Ferrario and Guadalupe Luna, 24, represented by Deputy Public Defender Joe Deasy, both pleaded not guilty and were returned to the county jail in lieu of bail.

The three were arrested in a recent raid by sheriff's office representatives when it was said more than \$3,000 worth of marihuana was discovered in their possession.

## PAYMENT ASKED FOR CHRISTMAS SEALS SENT YOU

"Christmas Seals that are not paid for do not fight tuberculosis, so may I urge all who have not already forwarded returns for the seals which they have received, do so immediately."

This was the appeal made today by Otto H. Fischer, President of the Alameda County Tuberculosis and Health Association, as the 1940 Christmas Seal Sale entered the final fortnight of the annual drive.

Fischer pointed out that there is still time for those who have not received Christmas Seals to obtain as many as they wish for use on holiday greeting cards and gifts. Extra seals may be obtained from local drive committees or from the Association headquarters, 121 East Eleventh Street, Oakland.

## BEAUTIFUL TREE

A handsome fifteen foot Christmas tree sparkles in the lobby of the Central Bank at Niles. The electric lights are all in red, contrasting with the colored ornaments and the festoons of silver tinsel. Oldsters as well as children get a Christmas thrill out of looking at it.

## NEW OFFICE

A new, knotty pine office, built by Contractor Duarte on the left side of the Sanitary Dairy on Jay street in Niles is being varnished by the proprietor, Mr. Ramos. It will take the place of the small cement room heretofore used as an office and looks very attractive.

## ROGERS STARTS PAPER

F. E. Rogers, former publisher of The Township Register, last week started a new 5-column 10-page tabloid newspaper in Loyalton, Sierra County. The copy sent here looks fine and the Rogers' friends in Washington Township will wish him success (and not too much snow) in his new undertaking.

## VACATION CHANGED ACCOUNT FLU AT CENTERVILLE SCHOOL

CENTERVILLE — The new schedule for Christmas holidays and resumption of classes for next semester has been announced by Principal Tom Maloney of the Centerville Grammar School and parents are asked to take notice of the same.

With 50 out due to influenza, the school closed on Monday, December 30. Students will report for classes on Tuesday, December 31, on Thursday and Friday, January 2 and 3, but New Year's Day, Wednesday January 1, will be a holiday.

The new school is expected to be dedicated early in February. The \$80,000 plant will not be completely finished until next summer as the annex now used as a cafeteria has to be moved during the vacation and joined to the rear of the new building. There will be a dedicatory service, however, when the main part of the building is ready for occupancy.

Christmas baskets for the needy are being packed and distributed this afternoon. Mrs. W. L. McWhirter and Mrs. Richard Sparrowe are assisting Principal Tom Maloney and the P. T. A.

## GUN CLUB RELEASES FIFTY PHEASANTS

NEWARK — Fifty ring-neck pheasants were released from the Pacific Gas & Electric company Rod and Gun club headquarters at Newark last week, according to Robert R. Gros, of the company publicity department. The company has done great work through its club in the propagation of fish and game. Last July the group released many pheasants which are expected to propagate in Southern Alameda county.

The pheasants released last Wednesday or Thursday have been raised in pens at Newark with the cooperation of the Washington Township Sportsmen's club and the Fish and Game commission. The birds are about five months old and have been carefully raised in the pens since August 15.

## PUTS OUT BLAZE

DECOTO — The Decoto Fire Department responded to a roof fire Friday at the home of L. C. Lookadil, opposite the Kennedy Ranch, on the Niles-Hayward Road. The fire was confined to the attic.

Give Her a CHRISTMAS PRESENT of a TAILORED PASTEL Dress Latest Arrivals from HOLLYWOOD

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## Theatre Offers Fine Pictures This Weekend

Several outstanding pictures will be shown at the Niles Theatre starting today, Manager Bill Helm announces. The popular couple, Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney may be seen in Strike Up the Band tonight and tomorrow. This is an extra-length feature and will be accompanied by selected short subjects.

Sunday and Monday the popular stars Don Ameche and Betty Grable will do a lot of hotcha rumba-ing and conga-ing when they appear with an all-star cast in a gay and lavish South American romance entitled Down Argentine Way, which was filmed in technicolor.

Outstanding on this bill will be the dramatic newsreel "London Can Take It", filmed recently in the British capital during the course of actual air raids.

A third attraction on the bill will be the ever-popular actor, Jack Holt in "Fugitive From a Prison Camp".

The theatre's doors will open at 2 o'clock Wednesday, Christmas afternoon for a continuous showing of two features, "Dr. Kildare Goes Home" and Lupe Velez in "Mexican Spitfire" — (and is she hot?)

Township show-lovers are fortunate in having such a fine group of pictures offered them right along by the Niles Theatre.

A Christmas party was scheduled for yesterday's meeting of the Niles Rotary Club at the Hotel Belvoir with "gifts and everything." Arrangements were made by James Graham and Ed Quarisma.

## IDEAL XMAS GIFT



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## WALTON'S PHARMACY NILES

## MERCHANTS NIGHT

The Niles Theatre and the street outside were jammed with patrons Wednesday evening when the annual gift night of Washington Township merchants was held. Thirty merchants from our several communities participated in this popular activity, which Township residents, particularly housewives, enjoyed so much. Manager Bill Helm was master of ceremonies and announcements were made over a loudspeaker to the throngs standing outside the theatre.

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**MINCE PIES**  
**PUMPKIN PIES**  
**CHRISTMAS CAKES**  
Cakes Baked Especially For Parties  
Place Your Orders Now  
**HUGHES BAKERY**  
629 First Street  
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Of course you'll want to have a good time this Holiday Season! Here's how you can be sure of having the best time you have ever had. Get a new DUART permanent today!

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From \$2.50 up  
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**FRIDAY & SATURDAY**  
December 20, 21  
**MICKY ROONEY**  
**JUDY GARLAND in**  
**STRIKE UP THE BAND**  
Selected Short Subjects

**SUNDAY & MONDAY**  
December 22, 23  
**DON AMECHE**  
**BETTY GRABLE in**  
**DOWN ARGENTINE WAY**  
in Technicolor  
— also —  
**JACK HOLT in**  
**FUGITIVE FROM A PRISON CAMP**  
— also —  
**LONDON CAN TAKE IT**

**Tuesday, December 24**  
**NO SHOW**

**WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY**  
December 25, 26  
**DR. KILDARE GOES HOME**  
with LEW AYRES  
**LIONEL BARRYMORE**  
— also —  
**LUPE VELEZ in**  
**MEXICAN SPITFIRE**